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SUBJECT: EMBASSY SUPPORT FOR AFRICOM FY09 1206 TRAIN AND EQUIP PROGRAM PROPOSALS

¶11. Embassy has reviewed and supports two AFRICOM proposals requesting FY09 1206 funds to conduct train and equip programs in Tanzania, in support of larger proposed Eastern Africa efforts to counter terrorism. The first proposal consists of training junior/mid level military officers in basic intelligence over a twelve week period, which will build capacity within the military and develop relationships and build trust among regional members in support of counter-terrorist efforts. The second proposal will provide equipment, spare parts, and tailored training to improve Government of Tanzania control in maritime areas. These proposals have been sent by email to AF/E.

¶12. Tanzania's cooperation in counter-terrorism continues to go beyond statements of support. When necessary and requested, the GOT has taken tangible action. Tanzania has demonstrated the willingness to act against terrorist organizations of interest to the U.S. However, the government's capacity for action is limited. The capabilities provided by these proposals will enhance Tanzanian contributions to U.S. counter-terrorism efforts and will build GOT capacity for peace and security.

¶13. Military Intelligence Training. At present, Tanzania lacks the organic capability to identify, locate and defeat possible terrorist elements operating within its borders. The establishment of a viable CT capability with associated supporting elements, as described with this proposal, will allow the GOT to better detect, identify, locate and detain terrorist elements operating within its borders. Additionally, these capabilities will improve the GOT's capacity to interdict possible gray market arms and illegal drug shipments. Moreover, the increased training and capabilities provided would support our objectives to professionalize the armed forces and reduce corruption throughout the region.

¶14. Patrol Craft. Tanzania also presently lacks the organic capability to control its borders in both the land and maritime domains. Building GOT capacity to control its territorial waters will contribute to improved coastal patrols and better interdiction of vessels involved in piracy, smuggling, the narcotics trade, human trafficking, and illegal fishing - activities which can fund and/or support terrorist activity inside and outside Tanzania.

¶15. POC for this program is Maj. Andrew Collum, Chief of the Office of Security Cooperation, telephone 226-260-8000 ext 4208, email collumaa@state.gov.

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